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Principal's Message

Here we are at the end of another fast paced and very busy term. I want to commend staff and students for their efforts as Wynyard High continues to be a place of learning excellence and a safe and welcoming place for all who attend.

The Sisterhood and Brothers in Arms day was an outstanding day for all involved. A huge thank you to Miss Taylor, Mrs Moore and Mr Gaul who liaised with Fiona Dowling to produce activities on the day that were relevant and very enjoyable. The theme “Reach for the Stars” was an apt theme as this is exactly what we tell our students. Reach for the stars in whatever you choose to do in life. Do the best you can, and be the best you can be.

The girl’s footy team play their grand final this coming Friday. I know they have enjoyed their term of sport very much and we wish them all the very best for their game on Friday. We will be sending a bus load of supporters with them.

The Grade 8s have had their trip to Beaconsfield and Launceston this week as well. They visited the mine at Beaconsfield before heading into Launceston for activities there. A big thank you to Mrs Sheehan and the grade 8 staff for organising this.

The Project “O” girls are in Hobart this week representing our school in State Parliament, facilitating the launch of the Children’s commissioner’s report, meeting Rose Batty – a previous Australian of the Year and visiting Mona. This is a great achievement for WHS and the group.

There are some staffing changes for term four.

Mr Willcox is taking some well-earned Long Service Leave for term four and we hope he has a restful and enjoyable time. Mrs Moore will replace him as Assistant Principal for the term. Mr Luke Pieremont will assume the AST role for the term. Mrs Claire Willis returns in a part-time capacity teaching Home Economics.

Mrs Dionne Parker has transferred full time to Smithton and her part-time Raising the Bar role will be taken by Sue Heart. Sue’s remaining classroom load will be taken by Ms Cindy Wescombe.
Mrs Jenene Mallinson has decided to retire after a long and significant career. I know many of you would like me to farewell her on your behalf as her work in Student Support roles, Transition Education, the TAP program and Work Experience program have made a real difference to many students. I know she will enjoy her new life after teaching. Thank you for your work Jenene! Mrs Robyn Lamprey will take over for term four.

The school has been trialling an IXL software package designed to support concept development in Maths and English. So far results seem very encouraging. We are looking to extend the trial until the end of the year with a view to purchase licenses for 2017 and beyond.

Congratulations to those students who entered the North-West Science Fair. Once again WHS achieved some strong results with a first and third place in the Grade 10 section and a second in the Grade 8 section and a special mention in the Grade 9 section. The results show how well our standards compare with other schools across the North-West coast. Well done to Miss Russell, Mrs Harvey, Mr Grubb and Mr Hutchison for their efforts with students.

I hope everyone enjoys the break, look after each other over the holiday period and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 10 October.

Alex Downes
Principal

**ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION**

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) held a number of competitions this year for students from our school. In the English competition 24 students chose to test their ability against students from the rest of Australia and Pacific nations. They were tested on comprehension, spelling, grammar and other aspects of the English language.

Of our students, 14 received certificates of participation, 3 merit certificates, 5 credit certificates and 2 distinctions.

Merit Certificates (awarded to the students with the highest result apart from credits):

Credits (approximately top 30 percent) were awarded to Cody Griffin, Kaytlyn Johnson, Angela Woolnough, Riley Elson and Mia Luttmer.

Distinctions (approximately top 10 percent) were awarded to Gretta Kingston and Madison Cornwall. (Gretta was in the top 3% for the competition).

Congratulations to all student who received any of these awards for being prepared to challenge themselves against students from other areas.

**WHS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CAKE STALL**

Wynyard High School Association will be having a cake/sweet stall at the Tulip Festival on Saturday 8 October. Funds raised from this will go towards resources for our school and the Grade 10 end of year celebration. To make this a success we need your support.

For anyone wishing to donate baked items these can be delivered to the school on Friday 7 October between 9:00- 3:00pm (please include contact details and ingredients list) Any queries please contact the school on 6442 2385 or Andrea Beswick on 0437 133 881.
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION

The 2016 Digital Technologies (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) was held in May this year. Participating students are to be commended for their willingness to challenge themselves. Certificates for the competition, presented in Assembly on Thursday, included 1 Distinction, 6 Credits and 1 Merit.

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SEC REPORT

This has been a very successful term with AFL week, the talent show, Olympic week and also out of school uniform day. The AFL week included football colours day and sav day. We would also like to say a huge thanks to Tylor Bakes for letting the water in the pots boil, which caused every single sav skin to split.

Our Olympic week was fairly successful. It included an Olympic relay which ran really smoothly and we only got good feedback from the participants on the day. Congratulations to our relay winners which were Eric Spinks, Jamieson house, Samuel Kalbfell and Tylor Bakes. The out of school uniform was another success which raised money for the SEC end of year project.

Coming up we have our car wash which we are running on Tulip Festival day so please throw some mud at your parents cars the day before. We will be holding the car wash at the church near the top round-a-bout of town. We hope to see you and your parents there.

Next term we have planned a couple of events for all students which include a trivia afternoon and our last school social.
MICHAEL REDPATH – 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Michael qualified as a painter and decorator on 13 April 1982 after serving his apprenticeship with the then Education Department works gang.

He has worked various positions in his working career including time at Hellyer College as Groundsperson. In 2005 he transferred to Wynyard High School in a temporary capacity with his permanent appointment as Groundsperson (EFA) taking effect in 2006.

Michael is a conscientious employee who is dedicated to making the surrounds of Wynyard High School an environment to be proud of. He always goes above and beyond to help his fellow workers and the students to achieve positive outcomes both personally and professionally. During his time at Wynyard High School, Michael has been involved with school sport, particularly soccer and music, being a member of the staff band and helping out with the music in the recent Brothers In Arms day.

All at Wynyard High School offer Michael our congratulations on his 25 years of service.

HEALTH CAREERS DAY

On 24 August, a group of grade 9 students attended a Health Careers Day at the Rural Clinical School and the Burnie Hospital. We were split into groups and sent to different parts of the hospital for half hour sessions to learn about different careers in the health industry.

Some of the things we learnt about were psychology, radiography, environmental health, occupational therapy and nursing.

At each session, there was a person that specialised in each career that gave us insight into that career path. We would encourage next years grade 9s to participate in this great day.
PROJECT O TAKES OVER HOBART

This week Project O has been to Hobart and done some incredible things. It was such a long trip down to Hobart. We got to Hobart by 8:30pm and everyone was exhausted when arriving at the hotel. On Monday we met with the Department of Employment where Mini and I gave a speech about what we’ve done in Project O and about the Colourathon. After that speech we made all the people in the meeting play games and just get silly. We then got lunch and had free time in the city where we all went shopping and bought clothes and other things. That afternoon we had another meeting but this time, it was with the Children's commissioner. Jasmine, Angela, Izzi and Maddy practised for the next day while the other half did a phone interview for the newspaper.

That night we went to the ABC headquarters where two of our Project O girls went on radio and were interviewed.

Tuesday was a full packed day. We went to Mawsons Place to set up at 11am where the four from yesterday practised again and the other half greeted and mingled with guests. We met with Rosie Batty and heard more of her story, which was so amazing. We were interviewed by the radio, tv and newspapers.

After the event we went to a round table meeting where we told them about what we do and did a small Q&A. That afternoon we met up with Jacquie Prestruma, who is the Minister for Women and Human Services, and Roger Jaensch, who mentioned all our great achievements in parliament, which we attended.

On Wednesday we went to MONA and got a full backstage tour where we got to learn about all the jobs and people who work there which was pretty cool. We also went to look at the museum which was the first time for most of us. By the end of the trip all of us were worn out and very exhausted, but we had an amazing time and achieved a lot.

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BROTHERS IN ARMS/SISTERHOOD DAY

Our second Brothers in Arms and Sisterhood Day was held last Wednesday and it was another successful day.

The aim of the day was to inspire our students, both boys and girls, to strive to be the very best they can be. They were encouraged to set their sights high and work hard to achieve their goals. The day was designed to promote the concept of personal identity, whilst enhancing the self-esteem and self-confidence of our students, by providing the opportunity to interact with a range of inspirational community members, whilst undertaking a range of wonderful activities.

We are extremely grateful to over 40 community members who volunteered their time to speak, or run workshops and activities for our students. A large number of businesses also supported our day by donating valuable prizes for our lucky door prizes.

After meeting at the Wynyard Football Club, Taylor Forward told our boys his story. Taylor’s main message was about learning from mistakes – not only your own, but the mistakes of other people as well. He shared a story from when he was younger, in which an accident resulting from underage drinking landed him an extended stay in hospital with 3rd degree burns to his face and arm. He talked about initially feeling that his life was over, but with the support of his family, he eventually moved on and begun to use his experience to help other young people. It was a funny, relatable and extremely honest talk.

The boys then participated in a range of 1 hour workshops, conducted by community members. These workshops included Becoming a Barista, Cross Fit, Travelling the World, Investing in an Investment Property, Turning a Passion into Profession, Self Defence and Looking at doing a trade.

The remainder of the day was spent participating in a range of 4 hour workshops along the coast. Unfortunately, wet weather did impact on some of these activities. The Seal Cruise had to be cancelled, with the boys heading to the caves at Gunns Plains Caves instead. The Sailing became a focus on driving a power boat rather than a yacht, and the Golf, Bush Walking and Fitness Fun participants got drenched. However, the boys did have a good day. Some boys had the unique opportunity to work with the Slip Stream Circus in Ulverstone, while some practised their photography skills in Ulverstone. A group went to Penguin to work on cars with a local Drifter Car mechanic whilst others opted to refine their music skills at school.
The Best Aspects of the Day

I really enjoyed hearing Taylor’s story but my favourite thing was working on the cars with him.

The speaker was excellent and the circus was amazing.

I believe the barista course was very valuable – I learned a lot and the coffee was great.

Fitness Fun was very hard but I loved it.

The guest speaker was informative and he made everyone think about life.

The circus was good – you could see everyone improve every time they tried something.

Going to the caves was cool and interesting.

The whole day was great.
The Sister Hood day was based at school, beginning with a wonderful guest speaker, Emily Handley. Emily was a student at Wynyard High and she told us about her journey from leaving school to now being part of a team which is leading medical research into the area of the brain, specifically in relation to MND and Alzheimer’s Disease. She was an inspirational young speaker who is very proud of Wynyard High School and the North West Coast. Emily is a great ambassador for our school and we are extremely grateful to her for making such a fantastic contribution to our day.

Three other Wynyard women, Von Wright, Beck Dick and Ellyse Gamble were then interviewed by Lauren Streets and Emma Boyd from Project O. We heard about their journeys so far with the message being that you should go with your dreams and never give up, although there will be road blocks along the way.

The girls participated in one of 14 - 2 hour workshops, ranging from Interior Design at Rock Pool in Boat Harbour, Roller Derby, conducted by Van Diemen’s Rollers, Self Defense to a fantastic drawing session conducted by a professional artist. All the girls enjoyed these sessions and appreciated the time the volunteers had given up to run them.

During the lunch break, delicious food, prepared by a number of Food Studies classes, was served. The Photo Booth, supplied by Di’s Choice, was popular, nearly 50 amazing prizes were drawn and a fashion parade of the Op Shop clothing was presented.

The girls then had a choice of 17 diverse activities to have a go at, including Car Maintenance, Henna Tattoos, Cross Fit, Pilates and Essential Oils, just to name a few.

The last session saw the girls participate in a Chanting Work Shop, conducted by Ally.

Once again these workshops and activities were conducted by community members, which was brilliant.

THE BEST ASPECTS OF MY DAY –

Listening to the guest speakers gaining valuable life advice

Being in groups with people I don’t usually be around and just having a laugh, not worrying about anything, just enjoying myself

The guest speakers were really inspiring – I got a lot out of listening to ex-Wynyard High students

Was definitely participating in the activities. I loved learning how to use roller skates. Pilates is something I will definitely do again.

Learning from strong, independent women from our community

Just being myself

It was good to have a variety of awesome women to talk to, listen to and meet

Learning new skills and talking to new people

Boot camp was amazing

Was doing Op Shop Challenge as it involved team work and maths skills for the money

I LEARNED-

Travel is essential

How to change a tyre in Car Maintenance

What an Interior Designer does and how they make colour and pattern work in a room

Never give up on your dreams

Just because you’re not good at something in school doesn’t mean that you are always going to be bad at it

Sisterhood Day was the best day of this year

The day should go for longer because it is really fun
SISTERHOOD DAY
During the cows create careers (CCC) program, agricultural students were given a task to record the growth and development of the calves. Students were responsible for the organisation and husbandry of the calves. As part of the CCC, students were required to also create a PowerPoint, Mootube Mooovie, poster or diorama. All 3 Grade 9 classes participated in CCC program. There were 5 teams per class and 7 topics to choose from relating to the Dairy Industry to research. The 7 topics included: calf rearing, finance management, identification and breeding, natural resource management, the dairy industry, the fifth food group and researching animal behaviours through cattle handling.

During our agriculture lessons we have been doing some renovations to our sheep yards, so we can handle the sheep easier. We should be finished these renovations early next term and are already working on possible designs for either an outdoor chook pen or sheep shelter. On Friday the 16th we rounded up the sheep and used our newly renovated yards and vaccinated the lambs. We couldn’t vaccinate the ewes because their wool was too thick. Jamo injected the lambs with Ultravac 5 in 1 vaccination. We will vaccinate the ewes when we shear them and separate the lambs from their mothers after the holidays.

During the Ag classes students have been busy accomplishing many tasks, such as: having Sam, Brady, and Jamieson splitting and stacking wood with Lance, cleaning out the calves and chook pens which Jenna usually does every lesson. Thomas L, Jack T, Ethan P and Conner have been taking the calves for walks using a halter. However, they decided to let Shorty go and then had to chase her across the oval and through some of the school to catch her again. The only problem with letting the calves free roam in the paddocks is trying to get them back.

We also got a new chook from Mr Harris, it is wild but it is friendly. It’s a beautiful chook, the best one down there. Thanks Harris. We will continue supplying some eggs your way in the future. Next term, each of us will get to pick something to do such as looking after a chick, calf or lamb/sheep, be involved with Kelly in the community garden propagating a variety of plant and veg. We are all looking forward to that and the theory involved in this Individual Agricultural Experience.
TULIP FESTIVAL

Saturday 8 October is the Wynyard Tulip Festival and our Wynyard High School performance group has been invited to perform from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. They have been working hard after school and some lunch times to put together a variety of songs with some theatre to go with the songs. We encourage all to attend to enjoy and support them in their endeavour to bring some entertainment and joy to audiences.

NETBALL

Saturday Schools Netball – Round 4  24/09/16
This is the last game of netball for this term. We will recommence on Saturday 15 October.

8.15 WHS Whales have set up duties (put out crates, balls, score sheets, pole covers)

8.30
CRT 3 H Marshall (Score)
CRT 4 (7/8) WHS Whales v BHS Bananas  A Woolnough (Umpire)
CRT 5 (9/10) MRC Gold v WHS Warriors

9.30
CRT 3 (9/10) WHS Walnuts v MRC Red H Moore (Umpire)
CRT 5 H Steadman (Umpire) E Spinks (Score)
CRT 8 E Bousfield (umpire)

10.30
CRT 5 B Chettle – (Score)

11.30
CRT 5 (7/8) WHS Wolves v MRC Yellow
Our expectations, which apply to all students and all staff in all settings, are that each of us will:

- Do our best
- Respect people and property
- Be Fair
- Act responsibly
- Think and act safely

This information can also be found on the WHS Internet Page. Click on the Community Notice Board tab and you will find links to all the community notices we have received.

**Crafty Owls - Wynyard**
Girl Guide Hall, Little Goldie Street, Wynyard
The 2nd Wednesday evening of each month
(Starting Wednesday 14 September, 2016)

**City of Burnie Brass Band**
In honour of our 125 Year Celebrations, the City of Burnie Brass Band are in the process of selecting a band of junior musicians to represent Burnie at the National Championships. Please contact Emily Bousfield on embousfield@gmail.com or Rebecca Wells on burniebrass@gmail.com

**Junior Cricket Day**
Wynyard Blues Cricket Club are holding a Junior Cricket Open Day on Sunday 2 October at the Wynyard Cricket Club for all U13, U15, U17 boys and U16 girls.
10am—11am—Under 13
10:30am—12:00 for the rest
Free BBQ.

**Cricket North West Female T20 Competition**
The CNW’s Female T20 cricket competition is played on Sunday afternoons across the North West of Tasmania.
The competition is in its sixth season and is great summer fun for girls of all ages and ability.

If you are interested, please contact Sam Cotton on 0400 886 564 or scotton@crickettas.com.au

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINES**
Magazines are available at a cost of $5.00. The years we have available are 1962 through to 2012. If you are interested in a copy then please call into the school between 9am - 3pm. There are limited copies for some years; 1982 - 1987 are all gone, so get in quick!!!

**ABSENT MOBILE NUMBER**
0400 516 328

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**CHIP PACKETS WANTED**
This term a large number of our students will be working with local artist, Ritchie Dona, to help create a piece of art which will be installed in the atrium at the Burnie City Council Chambers as part of 10 Days on the Island 2017.

Students will be folding chip packets to create thousands of triangles, which will form part of a chandelier. Ritchie has asked that everyone keep their empty 200g (the large ones) chip packets and place them in the box provided in the kitchen.